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I wish to express my opinion that the settlement seems fair to me, and long overdue. The issues are or have been mainly corrected, serious, major market share competitors have emerged in both operating system and office software. The company is in a far different position today with Linux and many other options available to consumers. At this point the choice really is theirs, even free in the case of Linux.

Abuses which have existed have been corrected, and I feel it's time to move on. There are lots of competitors not offering anything better but paying for legal action versus doing their own hard work to create better software. I work here, I know. Most of the resulting software is a labor of love, people even die or have to take early retirement due to burnout. The effort is quite a hard one to get what looks like simple software. Let the others do this and see what they come up with, that would give us real competition.

Thanks,
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